



Dayton, Oregon
March 6th

Dear Vicki & Jim,

Surely was good to hear from you this morning! Had thought I'd get a letter written to you before now but didn't make it-I'm glad you're liking the new apartment and city type of life! You'll find so many things to do that you may not want to go to work, dear!! Just exploring the apartment complex will keep you occupied for awhile-Did you get the rest of your things moved from Dahlgren this weekend?

Tomorrow is Ken's birthday-They're pretty well settled in their new house now I think-I haven't been there yet-except to see it when they were considering buying-They stopped in at the house one night last week with Don's rototiller and his pickup so they could do some landscaping and then the very next day it rained! Ken came out on Saturday and they went down to the canyon and cut up a little wood for their fireplace- amid a few showers, of course-Debbie went curtain shopping so we didn't see her-The weather has been beautiful this week-frost in the mornings sometimes but the days are wonderful Dad spaded up that spot where I had tomatoes last year and started spading among my peonies yesterday-He's about to recover from the flu or whatever-Now I seem to have the cough and general tired out feeling but refuse to get "sick"-I haven't done any work outside though for fear I'll aggravate my cough-there's so much that needs to be done-it's rather frustrating, to say the least-

Frances is doing quite well after her eye surgery this time-she really hasn't had any problems like last time-However, yesterday the doctor was going to remove one of the stitches and she couldn't hold her eye still enough -so when she moved it he sort of nicked the eyeball and caused it to bleed the tiniest bit-so he quit for the day and she'll have to wait until her next appointment-I can see that it would be pretty difficult to hold ones eye still!! Glad it wasn't me!

Tonight starts the basketball tournement play-offs in McMinnville and I guess we'll be going-we haven't seen a game yet so had better take this one in-I hope we don't bring them bad luck! Tracy said that Bud wants to come back from Palm Springs in time for the state tournement if Dayton goes-but I'm sure we won't take that event in! I gave Tracy your new address yesterday but don't expect a letter right away-She says she always has good intentions but they don't always work out-like mine-Ha.

I've about got my green dress finished-it's the one I used your pattern for-Clara is putting the zipper in for me-I never have been very good at those-then I have the hem to put in-I have been looking in my closet and finding no dresses or skirts that I want to wear-that look decent, at least-have been wearing pants all winter-so will have to do some shopping now that it's getting to be spring-I need to sew but that's a losing battle for me!

I'm afraid this is rather a disjointed letter since I'm writing it at work and have a few interruptions-but you will get the general idea, anyway-thanks for the phone number-We'll call you one of these days-Write when you find time from all the new activities at your disposal nowadays!-How does Jim like his new job after a few weeks?

Much love,

mom & dad